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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement mailed August 4, 2003, Applicants provisionally elect Species a, FIGs. 1-18, with traverse. Claims 1-18 are included in Species a. The grounds for traversal are that a search for all of the species would not place an undue burden on the Examiner. Reconsideration and withdrawal are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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